



Landscape Structures' History





DIFFERENT, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING

Landscape Structures was founded in 1971 by Steve King, who is still active in the business, and Barb King (1947-2008). Steve is a landscape architect with a keen eye for beautiful aesthetics and functionality. Steve is also the creator of the concept of “continuous play” and was the first to interconnect play events including slides, climbers, horizontal ladders and more. The continuous play concept allowed him to create more play value in a smaller space, and encourage more social interaction and skill development among children. Barb was educated as a home economist with a talent for organization and the ability to plan, coordinate and execute multiple tasks. Their complementary styles and backgrounds proved to be the right combination as they turned a great idea into a successful business. Now, more than 40 years later, the company is a global leader in the commercial playground industry with more than 300 employees, approximately 380,000 square feet of manufacturing space and playground consultants across the world.



The first Landscape Structures playstructure



Steve with his granddaughters

INDEPENDENT, EMPLOYEE-OWNED

Landscape Structures is one of the few remaining independently-owned businesses in the playground industry. Since 2004, we have been employee-owned (ESOP), and each and every employee takes their role as an employee-owner seriously.

Our workplace is casual, collaborative and friendly, and our mission to enhance the lives of children through play while respecting the environment is seen throughout the organization.



Barb King

DESIGN INNOVATION SECOND-TO-NONE

Cofounder and Chairman Steve King is the only leader of a playground company who is also a landscape architect. Under Steve’s direction, Landscape Structures continues to create many new innovative products each year. Steve has a passion for creating playground products and designs that go beyond ADA requirements to create truly inclusive play environments for all children. He also pushes the design envelope by creating some of the most creative themed play events in the world along with playground equipment that blends into the natural environment.



Our corporate headquarters



Landscape Structures has a long-standing history of environmental awareness. Through our more than 60,000 playgrounds worldwide, we've helped create healthy kids and a sustainable world. Long before it was fashionable, Landscape Structures built a culture of sustainability, designing products that keep kids active, while going far beyond what was required to protect the environment during manufacturing processes.



In fact, we began putting formal environmental processes in place more than 20 years ago, and Landscape Structures received its certification to the ISO 14001 standard more than a decade ago. We are the first playground manufacturer in North America to receive that certification of environmental responsibility.



Landscape Structures has been recognized as a Minnesota Waste Wise Leader for its outstanding waste reduction and recycling efforts.



We work with Global ReLeaf®, a program of American Forests, to plant trees to offset the carbon produced during the manufacturing of every playstructure we sell. In 2008, we received the Tekne Green Award for our commitment to sustainability.

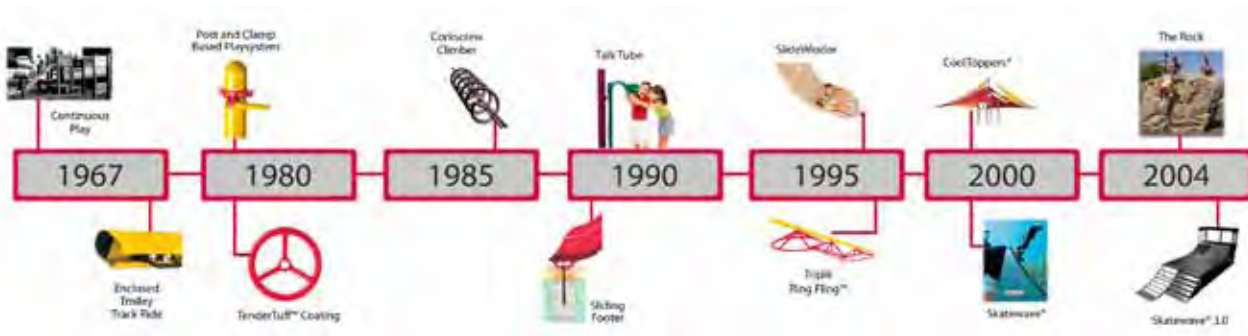


We are also held to the highest standards when it comes to quality. Landscape Structures received certification to the ISO 9001:1994 standard in 1996 and to the updated ISO 9001:2008 standard in 2009 for outstanding quality.

We demonstrate our quality commitment in many ways. One is our *kaizen*, or lean manufacturing culture. That means that continuous improvement is in our DNA, and we live it every business day.



Landscape Structures has a Rich



2011

- Recipient of the *Design for All* award in the company category for our work with inclusive playgrounds.
- Landscape Structures honored with the *2011 Disability Matters Marketplace Award* for our commitment to providing inclusive playgrounds.
- 11th-year participating in the Annual EPCOT® International Flower and Garden Festival, March 2–May 15.
- Landscape Structures was named to the Star Tribune's Top Workplaces 2011.

2007

- The Delano Chamber of Commerce honored Landscape Structures with the *2007 Business of the Year* award.
- *2007 MSP Journal Book of Lists™* ranked Landscape Structures number five out of 25 in the women-owned business category for "Who's Who of Business in the Greater Minneapolis/St. Paul Metro Area."
- Awarded the *2007 Minnesota Work-Life Champion* for promoting a healthy work-life balance.

2010

- The King Pavilion addition to the Iowa State University College of Design awarded LEED Platinum certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). It is the first higher-education building in Iowa to achieve LEED Platinum status.

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2009

- Dedication of the King Pavilion, Iowa State University's first "green" facility on campus.
- NRPA launches annual Barb King Environmental Awards, presented to a parks and recreation agency and individual for their environmental leadership.
- Recipient of the *High Economic Vitality Business of the Year* from the Wright County Economic Development Partnership.

2005

- Barb and Steve King were presented with the Christian Peterson Award from Iowa State University's College of Design for safe and innovative designs for children.
- Received Minnesota Recreation and Park Foundation Award for contribution to the recreation, park and leisure service field.
- Barb King, was inducted as an Honorary Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). The Honorary Membership title is awarded to non-landscape architects whose achievements of national or international significance or influence have provided notable service to the profession of landscape architecture. Barb had the honor of being the first spouse of an ASLA member, Steve King, to be inducted as an Honorary Member.

2008

- Awarded the *2008 Minnesota Work-Life Champion* for promoting a healthy work-life balance.
- Recipient of the *2008 Tekne Green Award* for environmental awareness/responsibility and incorporating sustainability into business model.

History of Honors and Awards



2004

- Steve King was named a Fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architects (FASLA). The designation of Fellow is conferred on individuals in recognition of exceptional work of professional excellence and outstanding accomplishment over a sustained period of time.
- Landscape Structures Inc. was named *Manufacturer of the Year* by the Manufacturers Alliance of Maple Grove, Minn.

2003

- National Award of Merit from Associated Builders and Contractors for Landscape Structures corporate headquarters building.
- Award of Excellence from National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (Minnesota Chapter) for Landscape Structures corporate headquarters building.
- Award of Excellence from Associated Builders and Contractors (Minnesota Chapter) for Landscape Structures corporate headquarters building.
- Project of the Year from Minnesota Construction Association for Landscape Structures corporate headquarters building.

2001

- For the third consecutive year, Landscape Structures Inc. placed among the top women-owned companies in the United States.

2000

- Barb King was selected Woman Business Owner of the Year for Minnesota chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO).
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1999

- A graduate of Iowa State University, Barb King received the *1999 Professional Achievement Award in Family and Consumer Sciences* from Iowa State University.
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1994

- Barb King, was selected as the Small Business Administration's *Small Business Person of the Year* for the six-state Midwest region.

1993

- Steve King was appointed to the Federal Access Board's Recreation Access Advisory Committee. He was the sole playground equipment manufacturer to be named to that committee.
- Barb King was awarded the Blue Chip Enterprise runner-up honors, given by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Nation's Business magazine and Connecticut Mutual Insurance Company.

1992

- Barb and Steve King were named Minnesota's Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernst and Young, Inc. Magazine and the law firm of Gray Plant Mooty.
- Recognized with a national honorable mention in the manufacturing category.
- Barb and Steve King were inducted into the National Institute of Entrepreneurs.
- Barb King earned the Athena Award for outstanding business woman of the year in 1992 from the Delano Chamber of Commerce and General Motors.



PlayBooster® Vibe™

LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES: INNOVATIVE PLAY FOR EVERY AGE AND ABILITY

Landscape Structures engineers and manufactures a wide array of challenging and fun playground and skatepark products for children of varying abilities, ages 2 to 12+.

Playsystems

Evos®: The evolution of play for ages 5 to 12. The spherical design provides a completely new play experience that challenges kids' bodies and imaginations.

Weevos®: The complement to Evos for children ages 2 to 5. Weevos is designed to promote early childhood growth and development in five key areas: physical, cognitive, sensory/motor, emotional/social and language.

PlayBooster®: The industry gold standard for ages 5 to 12. For design, durability and play value, PlayBooster is the line of playground equipment everyone looks to for inspiration.

Vibe™: Our contemporary take on the classic PlayBooster playstructure. With its unique triangular shapes, cool textures and upbeat new colors, we're elevating design to new heights on the playground. This cool combination of materials modernizes the traditional post-and-deck playsystem.

PlayOdyssey® Tower: Double-decker fun for ages 5 to 12. The PlayOdyssey Tower provides kids an adventurous voyage of new proportions. The tower provides excitement to stand on its own, or you can link it to additional PlayBooster play components to extend the adventure.

Tree House: Endless hours of outdoor adventure for ages 5 to 12. Nature-inspired, affordable fun where kids will discover hidden forest friends, explore the tree's life cycle with an Age Ring Tracing Panel, hold secret club meetings—or just hang out!



PlayShaper®: Proportioned just right for ages 2 to 5, PlayShaper playstructures and play components feature the kinds of innovations you won't find anywhere else. Every component challenges little explorers' growing bodies and lights up their imaginations.

Tree House: Imaginative playstructure looks kid-engineered and offers endless hours of outdoor adventure for ages 2 to 5. Real trees were the inspiration behind the Tree Stump Transfer Module and the Log Steppers. Tough and durable Glass Fiber Reinforced Concrete (GFRC) provides the most realistic look and texture while offering playground-friendly durability.



PlaySense®: The best playground value for ages 2 to 12. PlaySense is our value line of playground equipment that features the same exceptional quality and innovative features as every Landscape Structures playground, with a more affordable price.

HealthBeat® Outdoor Fitness System: Gym quality exercise equipment, some with hydraulic resistance, provides a cutting-edge workout—outside. Perfect for parks, trails or next to your playground, HealthBeat uses the latest exercise methodologies to provide a tailored workout for teens and adults of all fitness levels.





Playground Solutions

A Higher Level of Inclusive Play™

The playground is a place where all kids should be able to play together freely. In order to create a truly inclusive playground, it not only needs to be accessible, but also age and developmentally appropriate and stimulating to the senses. This Higher Level of Inclusive Play™ brings children together to help them develop, build confidence, make friends and play as equals.

Play Naturally™

Our nature-inspired play equipment blends the adventure and wonder of nature with the latest in playground innovation. These products capture kids' imaginations with the look and feel of real bark and rock while offering the durability, safety and low maintenance you get from Landscape Structures. You'll strike the perfect balance between the natural and the man-made, establishing the optimal setting for child-directed free play.

Park and Playground Additions

Freestanding Play

Our versatile freestanding play components are designed to maximize play value and create an action-packed playground that's truly unforgettable. We offer unique play events including, Aeronet® climbers, spinners and swings. These play events provide extra challenge and fun for any new playground and can be used to revitalize an existing park or playground.

PebbleFlex® Surfacing

Combines the benefits of design, technology and safety into one, high-performance surfacing solution. Unlike traditional poured-in-place surfaces, PebbleFlex utilizes an advanced bond-in-place technology where millions of pebbles bond to create an unparalleled surface that stands up to the demands of weather extremes and active use.



Site Furnishings

From custom signs to site amenities, we've got everything to make a playground welcoming, tidy and unique. We offer site amenities like picnic tables and benches, as well as our CoolToppers® shade structures that keep kids cool and protect them from damaging UV rays.

Skatewave® 3.0 Skateparks

Skatewave modular skateparks, backed with the superior quality and precision engineering of Landscape Structures, are the skateparks of choice for park and recreation directors and communities everywhere. Skatewave skateparks are custom-designed and built to last for years of heavy use.

Custom Design

We have the minds, materials and magic to create a custom playground for you. Themes, playable art, personalized playgrounds or panels. We are the only manufacturer to employ a full-time staff of custom designers and artists, who will walk you through your project, every step of the way.

Color Inspirations

Landscape Structures offers a brilliant collection of color palettes featuring nature-inspired shades, urban tones, playful hues and everything in between. Each imaginative color has been carefully selected to be both current and enduring—creating a spectrum that'll wow kids now and over the long life of your playstructure.

Concrete

Landscape Structures is devoted to the design and manufacturing of customized and themed play elements made of precast concrete and glass fiber reinforced concrete (GFRC). Our world-class concrete manufacturing facility, opened in 2011, enables us to bring any playground theme or idea to life - from climbable animals and tree houses, to sensory walls and climbing boulders. Concrete can be integrated with traditional playsystems or used to create freestanding play events, is extremely durable and can bring a higher level of imaginative play to any playground.

Building healthy, sustainable communities



Our focus has always been on enhancing the lives of children through play while honoring the environment. We are committed to working side by side with you to foster healthier kids, a cleaner planet and vibrant, sustainable communities for the future.

Call your local Landscape Structures playground consultant today to get started on your perfect playground! Or call 888.438.6574 or visit playlsi.com to see our products in action.

WE'RE WITH YOU, EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

We want you to be a playground hero. So, we've created a global network of local playground experts to be at your side, at your service, every step of the way.

Your local Landscape Structures playground consultant will:

- Help you get the perfect, individualized design for your site and budget
- Provide product pricing and specifications
- Work with you on building your playground in phases, if necessary
- Provide information about financing options
- Help you plan community-build projects
- Deliver complete, surprise-free shipments (99.8 percent on-time delivery record)
- Provide valuable information on properly maintaining your playground